Hello!

Hey, it looks like the horizon!

It goes without saying, if anyone can help the people of Japan, please do. There are a lot of organizations out there, but the most well know ones are probably the Redcross and maybe Doctors Without Borders.

Now to lighter news:
I was wondering, why books here are not released with the original dust covers?
I for one,am a stickler for details, so I would like to see characters in color all the time....
Too bad that unless they made it to the covers, a lot of the characters are never seen in color....I'm happy that Kageha made it to the flaps...so even though I don't have the original dust cover, I still could see him in color!
He's one of my favorites, and after this volume, he really shows another side to him, but I'm getting ahead of myself. he doesn't really shine in this chapter.

My hand/wrist is acting up, so I'm gonna take it slower and the releases will take a bit longer than before, but I'll try to not make them last longer than 10 days between Phantom Dream and Zig*Zag.
Thank you for understanding.

And now, here's volume 3,chapter 8.
Enjoy!

-Catandmouse

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Has Asahi really gone to the Gekka side? If so, why? When factions of the Gekka and Otoya begin to shift where will Eiji's loyalties lie?

Kotobuki,anyone?

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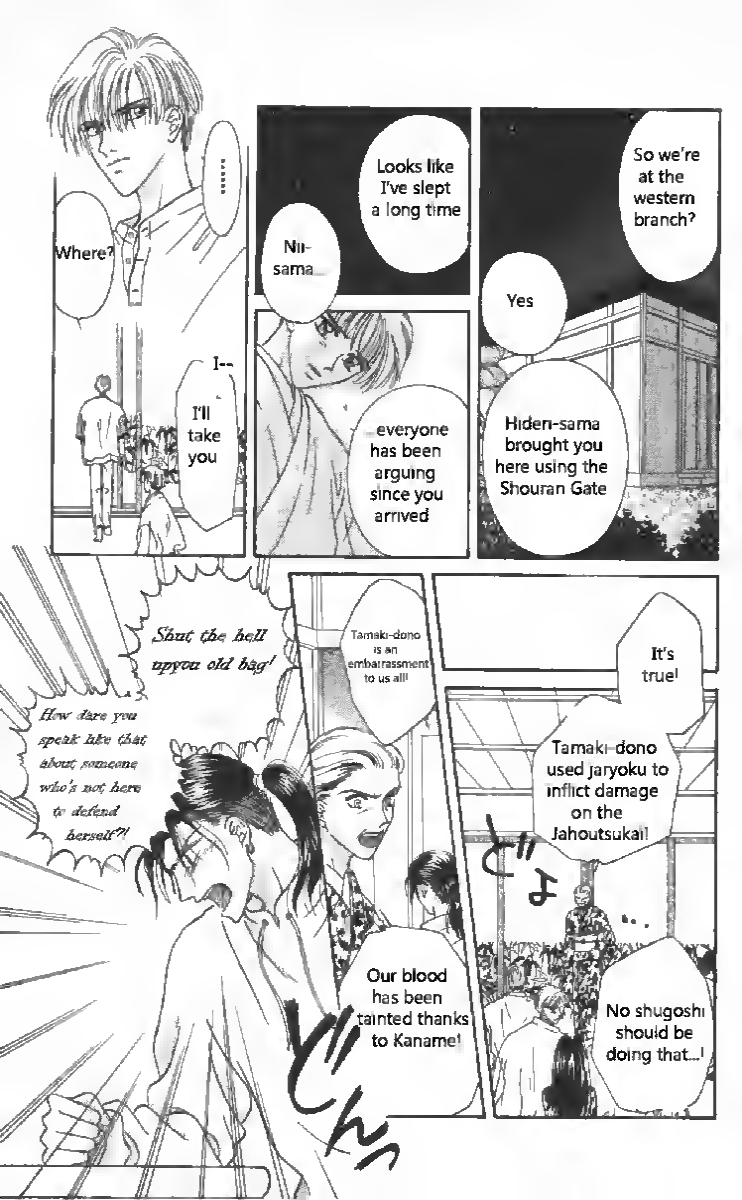
高屋奈月

Revered one, I call upon thy teachings
I ask thee for thy assistance in resolving this difficult matter
With my words, I compel thee to appear
Jou. Kou. Retsu. Shou
Shugo Shichidou Kotodama
幻影夢想
—げんえいむそう—

There
The light of the soul
I could never lose....
...sight of that light

Tamaki-chen....
Tamaki-chen
The light of...
...pure love
Temaki-chen, things ere different now, eren't they?
Cen I chenge...?
You heve to change too, don't you?
If Eiji-kun is strong...
...then you have to get stronger too, right, Tamaki-chan?

A dream
Asahi...!
There's nothing .....
in this world...
that doesn't change, you know?
Where am I?
.....
Tokiwa!
They said you passed out due to all the stress!
I'm so relieved
Nii-sama?
!


.....
Where?
I--
I'll take you
Looks like I've slept a long time
Nii-sama...
...everyone has been arguing since you arrived
So we're at the western branch?
Yes
Hiden-sama brought you here using the Shouran Gate
Shut the hell upyou old hag!
How dare you speak like that about someone who's not here to defend herself?!
Tamaki-dono is an embarrassment to us all!
Our blood has been tainted thanks to Kaname!
It's true!
Tamaki-dono used Jaryoku to inflict damage on the Jahoutsukai!
No shugoshi should be doing that...!

No.
That's not it.
If we hadn't done that
...the Otoya blood would have died out!
Then you already know something like this might happen, right?!
You were the one's that started this to begin with. You were the ones that kidnapped Kaname-san, a jakunenki!...
...and put her into Sawatsu-sama's bed, didn't you?!
Such a fool...
Yeah, that's right. It's all Tamaki-dono's fault
...he wouldn't have let the jaryoku drive him insane
If Tamaki-dono's power was more stabalized, then...
We're the fools!
We, the branch families are--!
What is wrong with these people?
Do they seriously believe they have done no wrong?
That this is all Kaname-san's and Tamaki's fault?

While you're here arguing...
...jaki are multiplying
What do you plan to do?
ザワ..
Wha...?
What are all you saying...?
...so that a Shugoshi with untainted blood will be born
Do you understand?
Tamaki
Tamaki-dono!
It might be a good idea to use the shouran gate from here
After your marriage, you will immdiately concieve a child...
We will start making arrangements for your marriage to Migiri...
...your fiancée!

...I did the same thing
...haven't done anything but out the blame on others,huh?
The branch families...
But the truth is...
They just force feed their logic on you,but...
I did it in order to protect all the people who become jaki
...to please the branch families
I...
I didn't become a Shugoshi...
Sorry...
I was wrong
Will you help me
...exorcise jaki together?

Didn't you say that?
...people change every single day
Besides...
I can still protect...
...Tamaki, right?
Yeah...
It's ok
It's not too late, right?
?
.....?

Don't worry
I'm not going to let them use me as their pawn
Uh
Um
Yes!
All right! Let's get a move on!
You.. didn't know it was me right?
No. Sorry if I hurt your feelings
About...
About me being your fiancée...
I'd do anything...
...to be with you
I wouldn't care...
...ing their pawn

Nice to meet you! Or maybe I should say, "Hello, this is Takaya."

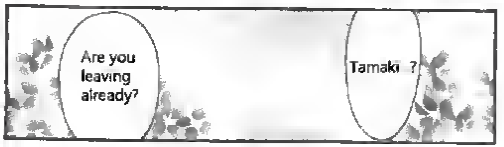
It's pretty much a given that you never know what'll happen in life.

This is volume 3
Volume 3!
That's why Eiji is on the cover.

I was told it's unusual for a supporting character to be on the cover, but to me they're all main characters (laughs)

Now that we've come this far, you might have realized that the covers are uniform... I'm making them do that. It's because my blood type is A, but I guess that really has nothing to do with it. Doesn't it feel nice when everything matches,though? Like, when you have them all lined up together?
Oh...I guess you can only see the spines when you line them up huh? Oops my bad!

Well, anywho, this is the 3rd volume
Thank you!



So in the end, we ended up sleeping at your house, huh?
Tokiwa and Migiri are still sound asleep
Kids, huh?
So? Did you sense any jaki?

It's ok. her dad's dead and her mom is hardly ever home, so...
We need to find her soon or her parents will get worried
That and I can look for Asahi
Yeah
You're a hard worker, eh?
Is that how it is?
What a sorry excuse for a mom, then
I'll go with you
I see Kageha....
Asahi's making her move!

Scroll 2

Lately, I haven't been able to play games (So I say, but it's my own fault...).I haven't finished Dai 4 Ji Super Robot Taisen s (I did finish the SFC version!)

But! Right before my eyes, the ultimate piece of software appeared! It's Fire Emblem <Seisen no Keifu>! The game before it, Fire Emblem entertained me right down to my bones. It's got that commercial that goes,"I wanted to see you, Marth!" It's like Marth doesn't make an appearance, but (laughs) That's right, huh? Or wrong? It'sfine that I ordered it two days before it even came out, but I haven't even touched it (so why did I order it early?) Nae Yuuki was cute. I like her She's well ..I'll get back on topic.

It's different from the previous one in lots of ways. Like, the map is huge and it looks like it's worth playing, I seriously want to play FE!!! That's how it is. I want to play! Ooh I want to play...! (laughs) But in December there's Final Fantasy, and when Biohazard 2 comes out I want to play that too and... and... games you're so mean...!!(laughs)

Sorry, Sorry!
Were you worried?
Tamaki-chan...!

I'm here ya know..
Wh-Where were you?
Where?
I looked everywhere for you
I...
Asahi
She's here
I found her! Asahi...!

What the hell is wrong with you?!
Wh--
.....
.....
Your Asahi's with the Gekka's now
Isn't that right, Kageha-chan?
I won't be going home anymore
This is goodbye
Meow
ビク
Don't pull it out!
I'm fine.

Uhn
What the--
You! Move to another car! Now!
Argh! Don't wake up now!
Ha Ha Ha!
Of course not, silly!
Have you lost your mind?!
You...
Why?
You are doing this for a reason, right?
You see, a long, long time ago...
Isn't that the demon sword's name?!
Suigekka...?!
...there lived a girl everyone honored cus she was considered the guardian of Japan
I remembered that Asahi used to be Suigekka
The other day
...when I touched the demon sword I remembered

"Back then, there was a girl who was rumored to be all powerful..."
I'm her reencarnation
Her name was...
Suigekka
"...and Hira especially loved her"
She was in love with Hira and he too loved her
She really, really...
...loved him
Loved Hira
More that I loved Tamaki-chan
That's why he named that sword "Suigekka"...

He's only awake for 7 days before falling back to sleep
Even now, he's alive
He just sleeps a lot. He sleeps intervals of 15 to 30 years.
Wait a minute!
That guy--Hira--lived over 1,000 years ago, right?!
You realize he's dead, don't you?
He's not dead
He will wake up for me no matter what.All I need to do is call out to him
He shouldn't be awake at this time, but that doesn't matter
Ah!
What?
Th...
That...
Hira!
Suigekka is here!

The king ..!
King Hira!
It can't be
Impossible!
Mutsu
To Suigekka
Yes sir
Horrible..
You're horrible!
You dissapear without a trace, then when you appear....

...that doesn't change, you know
There is nothing...
...in this world...
...you do this?!
.....
That's - not true
They change too
Even people's feelings
Eek...!

That's not true!
What is that?
Up in front...
Something incredibly powerful is coming our way!
It's probably Mutsu
He's one of Hira's attendant, He was asleep too
I guess he came to take me home
!
Tamaki !?
Stop!
You think you can stop him?

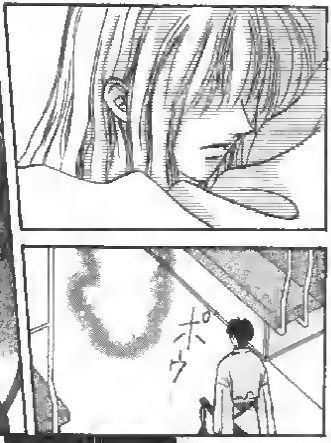
That's a lot of jaryoku for an attendant
You're...
...Mutsu?
I see Your interference shows potential, but...
...you still have a ways to go
At your present level you won't be able to exorcise a jahoutsukai, let alone the king
Killing you now would be beneath me
Did you stop me?
What a terribly young...
...Shugoshi you seem to be

Hate...?
Hate...
Hate me
Hate
to do?
Asahi
What do you want me.
Asahi?
"Tamaki-chan!"
"Tamaki-chan!"
"No matter what happens..."
Tamaki!
...I'll always love you this much"

.....
I can't
That's the only thing
I can't do, Asahi
Asahi
So....
...will you die, then?
Mu--
I can't do it! I can't hate **you**!
.....
!?
You idiot!
Run!

What's this?
!
A Jahoutsukai defending a Shugoshi?
.....
Run!!!
Asahi....
Let us go to the king now
Asahi
.....
As you say
It's ok Mutsu
You don't have to kill the Shugoshi just yet

Eiji...
!!


Are you happy now?

...won't my feelings change?

Is there
really nothing in this world
that doesn't change?

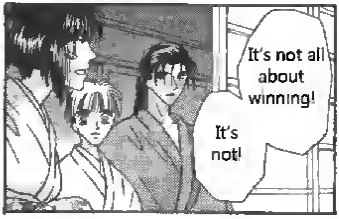
Then why...

...
Do people's feelings really change?

I know, so...
...why...
I know...
...do I still have feelings for Tamaki?
So Roka's...
...awake too, huh?
Yes
I slept alongside the king

You're finally awake...
...Hira
And you have finally...
...been reencarnated for me
...Suigekka

...yeah
What exactly happened? Did one of Hira's attendants stabbed you?
...luckily it wasn't life threatening
Well...
If King Hira is really alive like you say, then you must attack him...
...and win a glorious victory!
For the sake of the Otoya family!
You must not lose to the Gekka! You have to win!
Why are you defending her?!
.....
She was the one to stab you, wasn't she?
You most not lose your head, Tamaki-dono!
Even in the depths of despair...
...he's still defending her


It's not all about winning!
It's not!

Destroy the Gekka Family!!
.....
It's not...

For Tamaki-san..
...it's about the people that have become jaki!
But you! You just--!

...don't crush him anymore!

Don't...
...make Tamaki-san suffer anymore!
Don't.

The jashin must've been every strong
!
They're already going crazy
They must be exorcised
There are still some jaki left
They're.. hurting someone
Tamaki-san
Souichi
They must be exorcised
Tamaki-san
It's ok now
Thank you
!

I'm...
...leaving the Otoya family
!
I don't have time.
...to waste here
What...
Just like that?
But you're forgetting...
...there's something more important than winning
I have to keep fighting the Gekka
What about the Gekka?! What about Hira?!
Are you just going to let them do whatever they please?!
No, I...
Hira is awake
Eiji has the demon sword
Even more people will be affected

Shugoshi...
..exist to protect people
Do you really think...
we'll just let you walk away?!
Hidari! What are you thinking?!
Eeek
Ah!
Yeah, yeah
You can disown me or whatever
I don't care
I'm going with Tamaki

I'm also a Higosha, remember?
Me too!
Tokuwa, aren't you still in middle school?!
Let's get out of here!
Why are you guys following us?!
Whoa!
Ooh what the hell...?
...as just plain "Hideri"
Ack!
Dad!
Ah!
No fair cutting us off at the pass
It's a quick jump using the gate of Shunran!
Ha!

And you'll need money too, right?
Why...?
It's deep in the country, surrounded by mountains...
...but it's spacious, and nobody from the branch families knows about it
I figured something like this might happen
For the time being, you can go here
It's the house I trained in when I was young
You're pretty cool, dad
What are we gonna do now?
I'm going home right now
I need to get my mom's ashes
Now if you'll excuse me...
Because you are who you are
Walk away from the old path and create a new one for yourselves
You should do what you think is right

Nii-sama...
When you attack Hira...
...what are you going to do about Asahi-san?
Nii-sama
I'm not attacking her
Not Asahi
We'll deal with that when the time comes, ok?
Asahi...
I knew he'd say that...

I love her...
and she's still....
She has always been by my side and gave me...
...her smile....
...and her love
...very important to me

Let's go
There will never be e day when I come to hate her
That day will never come
Even if she never comes back to me...
No matter how many times...
...she mey stab me...
...I will nerver attack her

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Eiji
Is it your treasure ...?
Kageha
That woman- She's fallen under your spell hasn't she? She's becoming a jaki
...but she hasn't finished her transformation yet
My duty as Tsuboutsukai is...
...to turn humans into jaki

[illegible]

PS If anyone wants to donate to the Japan cause and doesn't know what to do, you can go get a haircut from March 28 to April 2, at the Marinello Schools of Beauty.. They are cuting hair and donating all the money gained to the Red Cross.
Or you can buy a T-Shirt, 100% of the proceeds are going to the Red Cross too, http://www.threadless.com/product/2836/Rebuild_Japan?utm_medium=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=March-24-2011_032411+-+Thursday&utm_source=032411+-+Thursday

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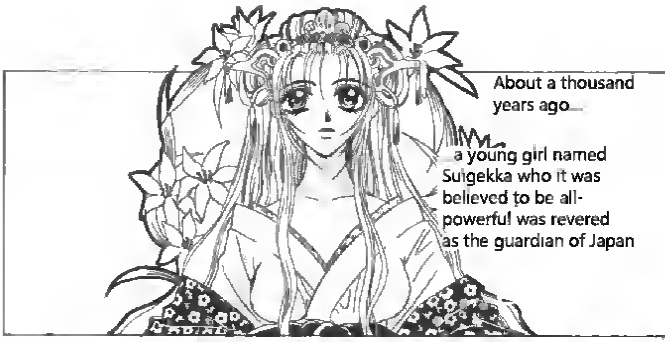
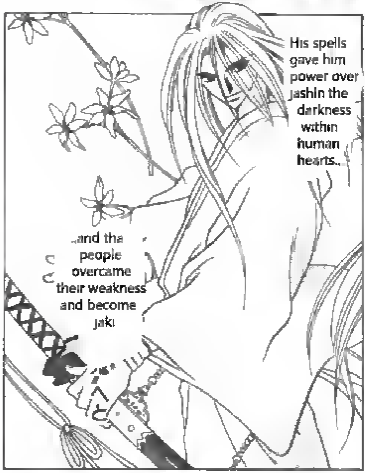
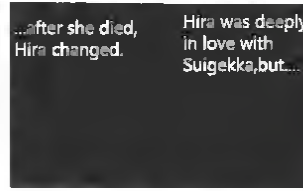
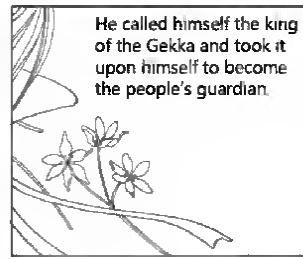

About a thousand years ago...
...a young girl named Suigekka who it was believed to be all-powerful was revered as the guardian of Japan


His spells gave him power over jashin the darkness within human hearts..
...and the people overcame their weakness and become jaki

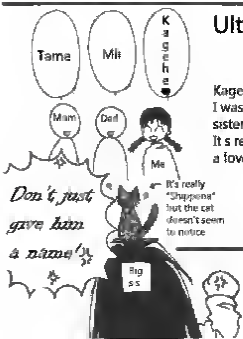




Ultra Special things that don't matter I

(You're doing that again?)

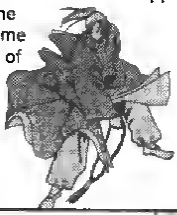
Kageha's cat form has a model-- it's a breed called the Russian Blue.When I was drawing him and thinking it'd be nice to have a cat like him, my big sister bought a Russian Blue out of nowhere I was surprised! It's sooo cute! It's really friendly and it sulks if you don't pet it. I'm a dog lover but this is a lovely cat that makes me (me!) think that cats might be nice too.



And now...

Using spells of protection, he exorcised the Jashin from the Jaki and became the Shugoshi of the Otoya family

Howeever, Saga opposed him



The Gekka family dreams of a world where only such people exist

A utopia

I was born there, like all the Jahoutsukai before me

The Gekka's palace is deep in the mountains

...Otoya Tamaki, the Shugoshi who inherited the long-dead Saga's blood...

King Hira has lived there for over a thousand, but.

...and I, the Jahoutsukai who inhereted the blood of Hira...

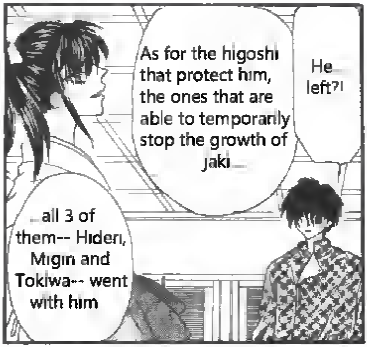
.. in exchange, he has to sleep for a long time-- in 15-30 year cycles

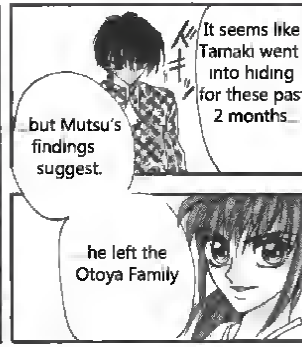
Two months ago, the king was awakened...

...by Asahi, the reincarnation of Suigekka

...have also inhereted their conflict

This is...
...King Hira
Thank you for your work, Eiji
Mutsu-sama and Roku-sama
And these are his attendants, who slept by his side
As soon as her memories of the king were re-awakened...
...she betrayed Tamaki....
...who was Tamaki's girlfriend until two months ago
...Despite his love for her
Tamaki....
And then Asahi...

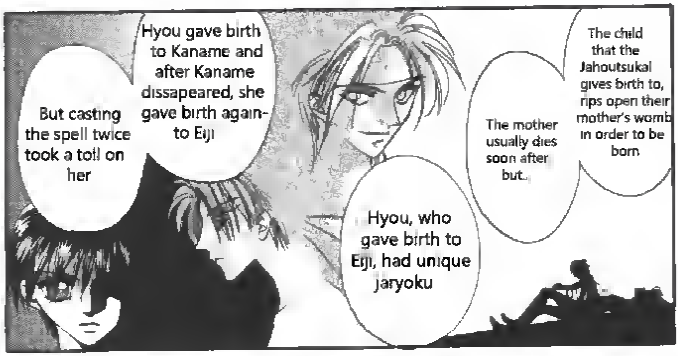

He left?!
As for the higoshi that protect him, the ones that are able to temporarily stop the growth of jaki
...all 3 of them-- Hiden, Migm and Tokiwa-- went with him

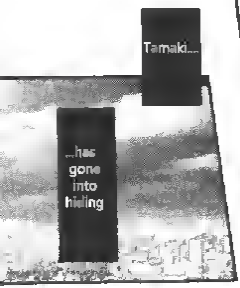

It seems like Tamaki went into hiding for these past 2 months
...but Mutsu's findings suggest.
he left the Otoya Family

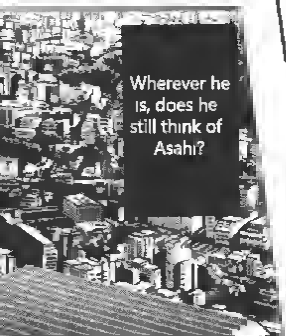
In short, he carries both Otoya and Gekka blood
That's probably why his family shunned him
Kaname, the Jahoutsukai before you, betrayed the family and went to the Otoya's She lovec Souetsu,the previous Shugoshi, and from that union Tamaki was born
We can say that Tamaki is a Shugoshi born from heresy

There's no need to hurry
That's ok
Either way, I don't think he'll stay quiet
Shunned by...
...his family...

...seems to like Tamaki somewhat
It's alright as long as Eiji doesn't make the same mistake Kaname made...
E i j i . . .
Eiji-kun, you're making a lot of jaki, right?
There's no way only 1 Shugoshi could exorcise them all
That will be all. You are dismissed
.....
Jahoutsukai only live about 15-30 years
That is the day of a Jahoutsukai's "ritual"
When their time draws near, they cast a fertilization spell on themselves and harbor a child
Eiji will soon die
The day of the ritual is drawing near
What.. ?!


But casting the spell twice took a toll on her
Hyou gave birth to Kaname and after Kaname dissapeared, she gave birth again- to Eiji
Hyou, who gave birth to Eiji, had unique jaryoku
The mother usually dies soon after but..
The child that the Jahoutsukai gives birth to, rips open their mother's womb in order to be born


Tamaki...
...has gone into hiding


Wherever he is, does he still think of Asahi?

Eiji's flesh and jaryoku are weak...
...and will fast for only a brief lifespan
Eiji knows it

I turn them into jaki
It's for the good of humanity
Eiji!
One more time
Every single day I cast spells on people
...a spell of malediction, of unfathomable power..
In the name of our lord king...
By the shadows within, I command you
Embrace evil, reject protection!
I'm more useless that the demon sword, at least it can strengthen jaryoku
I can understand why Hyou hated me
You can only cast 2 spells a day
Kageha...
Don't overexert yourself

Asahi is in the palace
Every time I see her, it reminds me...
I'll stay with you
I think I'll stay here till nightfall
What about you, Kageha?
Of course
...of Tamaki
The jaki I met the other day..!
You're that kid, aren't you?
I..
Do you remember?
You...
I remember you..!

Oh, thank you!
Eiji...
What a coincidence!
Would you like to come down?
I always have tea alone,but it's more pleasant with company
It was the first time I had talked to a jaki directly
Do you live alone?
It's ok
.....
Yes. My husband passed away 5 years ago, and...
...my children have all moved out.
What?!
Oh dear! Please forgive my rudeness, I thought you were a girl...
What's your name?
It's... Eiji

Hyou, who was half-insane due to my inferiority and from casting the fertility spell twice....
Kagaha is a cat demon created by Hyou
He's always with me and protects me...
Kageha
And what's your kitty's name?
Hyou couldn't even be bothered to name me
Kageha was the one who gave me the name "Eiji"
"Eiji..."
Kageha would defend me all the time and would take the hits for me
...abused me frequently
Can you create jaki?! Well, can you?!
Can you carry out heaven's will?!
Please stop!
How can you hit someone so small...?

"Command me, and I will obey you"
"Eiji..."
Oh, that's right!
Do you have the bead you dropped the other day with you? May I see it?
See, if you do this
you won't lose it again
It's important to you, right?
It's probably my children
I don't want you to meet
This way...
It was a gift, so...
Eiji-kun, I think it's best if you went home now
?
!
ピンポーン
ピンポーン

But...
you'll come visit again, won't you?
So you are home--!
Were you pretending to be out?
Anyone want a drink?
Coffee for me
Mother, have you given any thought to what we talked about before?
I don't want to
You don't want to what?
You don't want to sell the house?
Or you don't want to go to a retirement home?
Both...
This house is so full of memories...
please wait until I die
...of you and your father, so...
You have to kidding?! Who'll take care of you if you fall?!

Oh..?
Eek!
Wh-what did I..? What..?!
That's what I'd like to know!
We all have money troubles
We need to pay off our loans and raise our kids, you know!
We're not asking you to go live on the streets, we're offering you to stay in a retirement home instead
You're the only one stuck in the past, mother!
Soon..
..she will become a complete jaki
Their words won't hurt her anymore
She'll be stronger that their hurtful words
She'll probably tear them apart
Soon it won't only be flowers
Stop it!!

Scroll 3

Yes, that's it, huh? Have you all played Biohazard? It was fun, wasn't it? It was creepy though...It's like a nightmare I used to have when I was a kid.It really is. (Except there was a mannequin in my dream) Ever since I got a rocket launcher, which has unlimited ammo, I've been shooting everything in sight (from really far away too) Hurry up and get used to it, me! I want to hurry and see the cruel ending...please let me have seen it by the time this book comes out. Please, please? Anyway...

There's a bad guy in Biohazard, and even before I started playing I was all "This one! This one's definately the traitor! You can tell by the way he looks!" So I laughed a little when I found out s/he was the traitor.What do you think? I'm a good judge of people, huh?

But it's like, anyone can figure it out. After all, s/he totally looks the part,right? (laughs) Oh, but can you believe they don't have a left-handed controller? I've gotten used to it, but it's still hard when you have to fire all the time you know? I wonder what everyone else does...?

How's it going, Roka?
Have you been able to find the jaki that have completely transformed?
It only works if I look at a place at a time
That only shows the sheer amount there are
One place at a time is fine. We'll bring them in gradually
That goes for you too, Eiji
Yes...!
At long last!
Our utopian world will finally come to pass!!

Oh!
Eiji-kun!
You came to visit me!
Sorry about the other time
They're lilies, but they're artificial
What are these flowers called?
They just...
...remind me of someone
They're so white and gallant...
They probably have a bitter-sweet scent...
Do you like lilies?
I made all the flowers you see here
Hmm...

From the moment I first saw him silently standing there...
I couldn't stop thinking of him
Only once I decided to go see him for myself
I had always...
been curious about the Shugoshi who was supposed to be my enemy
Are you talking about...
...the person who gave you that bead?
What pretty...
..juzu...
Uh... that's...
.....
Who's there?
I started going to see him almost every day
But one day, he found me out
Is it like a charm?
A juzu bead...
It won't matter if one of them is missing
You can have one
Really?

That day...
It's someone you really care for, right?
.....
It's someone who doesn't even remember that day
You saved me
"Until I exorcise you...
...I can't be saved"
We can't see each other even if I wanted to
Something like that, I guess
It'll make your injuries...
...heal faster
He probably hate me
So I can't tell him..
..that I love him
Thank you..
The injuries I had recieved from Hyou...
...No longer hurted me

No matter how much you love someone
...sometimes you can't reach them, isn't it?
My children and I have drifted so far apart that there's no going back for us
Sometimes there are some things that can't be changed
But I was lucky to....
...meet you, child
I'm happy that a child like you has come to visit me
We just met
But..
Ha ha
That's right, but it doesn't matter. It makes me happy...
...nonetheless
So...let me pray...
...that you meet your special person again, Eiji-kun,and...
...that you...
...will be held like this

That was the first time...
...anyone other than Kageha had held me
I wonder what this feeling is...
Eiji
Mutsu-sama wants to talk to you about the jaki collection for tomorrow...
Ok
Eiji...?
Please wear this so...
...you don't get cold
!

Ahh, so Eiji has finally taken on her female form
In that case, the fertilization spell will be cast the day after tomorrow
Yes...
Let Eiji know
Keep your eyes wide open, Kageha
The day of my ritual...
...has arrived
Don't forget that Kaname ran to the Shugoshi's side...
...shortly after taking on her female form
Do you have some business with Eiji?
.....

I was always filthy and bloody
That's the way things were
"Kageha..."
Are you..
..going to let Eiji-kun die just like that?
..created me as a **toy**
Cats faught each other night after night for Hyou's entertainment
Hyou..
"Kageha"
"Don't defend me, I'm not worth it!"
"You'll be hit too!"
..and gave me warmth
To outsiders it may seem insignificant, but...
...it was enough for me
Eiji saved me
But Eiji embraced me

I never heard...
...a word of what you have just said
...let the likes of you to do with Eiji whatever you want!
I will not...
So, I'm finally going to die, huh?
Eiji...
This is my final duty as a Jahoutsukai
For the sake of everyone
It has been stated that the ritual will take place the day after tomorrow

This is my final task
I will take that lady to the king's side...
Kageha...
Please look after the Jahoutskai...
I give birth to
I'm glad I got to play a part..
...in the creation of a better world
What.....?
Where are we going?

So get everything ready, ok?
What.....?
Wait a minute, I still---!

Mother, are you home?
To see the king

Isn't that great?!
You can move in tomorrow!
The retirement home has an opening!

Oh come on!
Unloading your problems on a kid? Just stop that.
It's pathetic
Do you realize the time? Don t make me call the police
It's too late to say no
We've already put the house up for sale
Hey, who's the kid?
Hssss!!!
Please don't bring the child into this!
Mother, don't make this any harder than what it already is, ok?
Out
Get out!
Eeek!
AAH!

I won't let you walk all over me any longer!
I finally did it...!
At long last I am free...
Heh heh...
I finally did it...
Heh heh
It's for the best
She's finally become a complete jaki
"Do you like lilies?"

You'll always be happy here
This is better
Our utopian world is beautiful
That will do
This is good enough for today
Yes...
She's a strong jaki now!
Let's go together
The king will...
...lead us to our utopia

Should emotions linger....
This will be the first time I see the king cast a spell
...let them become dust.
...and return all the stronger...
Humbly receive this malediction from heaven

Wh……?
Eiji…
…kun…?
You came… to see…
…me… again…
…didn't you…?
I'm… glad…

Why?!
Why?!
Why?!
Why?!
Why did you kill her?!!
I brought her here for the utopia!!
Aaaaaaaahhh!
Egn—!

Jaki exist only to nourish and make the king's jaryoku stronger..
...and to help humanity destroy itself
You were always a weak jahoutsukai
We simply decided not to tell you the truth
Why would the king create a utopian world for humans to live in?
You really are a fool
Yes..
Kageha... take Eiji to her room

Kageha?!
This can't be...!
Mutsu ..!
Kageha is--
Hmph!
A mere cat demon dares...
What are you doing?! You have to go back!
No
You have to escape, Eiji
Get a hold of yourself...
...Eiji
Follow them
As you wish
I don't care about Kageha's life

...you can go wherever you wish to go now
What about you, Kageha?!
I cannot follow you there
That lady died because of me!
There's no point in saving someone like me!
Eiji...
...then allow me.
So many people have died because of me...!
If you have sinned...
...to take that burden upon myself

...I...
...wouldn't be able to stand it
Kageha
No, Kageha...!
Go now
If anything were to happen to you...
Ka--!
Y...o...u...!!

Take this!
Stop
Please stop!
Kageha!!!
Crap
She got away, didn't she?
.....
Please be happy...

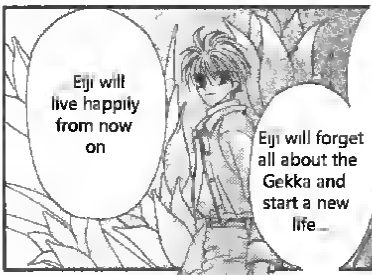
There's nothing else you need to do He's beyond saving
You can stop now, Mutsu
.....

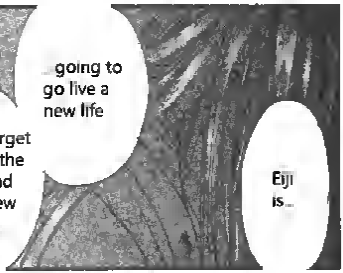
Once she takes flight...
...it's impossible to catch her...

I understand
Please go tell the king about this turn of events

...that you love--
You didn't tell Eiji-kun...

You didn't tell?
.....


Eiji will live happily from now on
Eiji will forget all about the Gekka and start a new life...


...going to go live a new life
Eiji is...

I am not needed...
...in that new life
I'm so sorry...!

Serves you right!
You've had enough?
Ha ha ha!
Heh heh...
!?
Who the hell are you?
Stop...
Doing that...
...won't save you
Jaki!
Stop!
...!

I'll save myself!
After all, I'm way stronger than they are!
You... can't..
...using jaryoku, you know?
...hurt a Jahoutsukai's body...
Then how about I kick you?!
I...
If I'm going to die all alone, then...
Please let me...
I let that woman and Kagaha die...! Nothing that I believed in was true
...have nothing... now
see him one last time...

The Gohou..!

My wish came true...!
Tamaki...
Eiji
It's ok now
I don't have any more regrets

In the end...
It's all right now
You're hurt! What happened?
...to do with you...
It has nothing...
You can exorcise me now
After all, to him I'm just a Jahoutsuka...
With that kind of attitude...
Why do you even care about what's happened to me?
you'll never be able to defeat the Gekka's!

That's.....
Oh no...!
"Thank you."
So you're the one...
He remembered!
This...
Even if I give it back--!
It doesn't matter
It has nothing to do with you!
Remembered...

Don't...
...talk anymore
"So...let me pray..."
"...that you meet your special person again, Eiji-kun, and..."
"...that you..."

"....will be held like this"
"Let me pray..."
Jahoutsukai...
...are no longer needed...
She hasn't regained her omnipotence, but...
...now that Suigekka is with us
...we, who had been limited to only 7 days of being awake, now have...
...been awake for two full months thanks to her

With Suigekka at our side, we'll regain the strength we had 1000 years ago
I, myself, will create Jaki...
...and you will be in charge of murdering the Shugoshi
As you wish
Hideri...
Out cold
So, what are you planning to do? What about Eiji?
I saw everything
Whaaat?!
For the time being, I'm taking Eiji with us
Eiji was hurt and crying
I don't feel like doing the exorcism right now

Fine, I get it
But as soon as he wakes up, we'll ask him what's up
Yeah
"Eiji..."
Hang in there
We'll get you some help right away
"Eiji...
...live...live happily from now on"
"Eiji..."

WHEE!!!!
FINALLY!!!
SORRY FOR THE LOO[illegible]Y!
I WON'T BE MAKING ANY PROMISES
ABOUT TIME ANYMORE, EVEN THOU[illegible]H
I WILL TRY VERY HARD TO HAVE THE
NEXT CHAPTER WITHIN A MONTH.
THE ONLY THING I CAN GUARANTEE[illegible]
THAT I WILL FINISH THIS SERIES, SO DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THIS BEING LEFT HANGING, ONLY THAT
IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO FINISH THAN
WHAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPREHENSION!

ps. SO JYUGE TELLS TAMAKI SOMETHING THIS CHAPTER
THAT GOT ME THINKING...IS ASAHI HAVING SEX WITH
HIRA? WHAT ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS ON THAT? OR
WAS JYUGE JUST TEASING?

ANYWAY....I'LL LEAVE YOU TO READ THIS MUCH DELAYED
CHAPTER 10!

CATANDMOUSE

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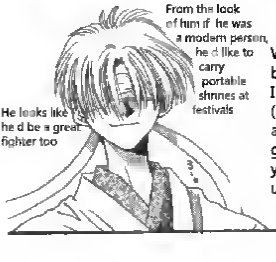
From the look of him if he was a modern person, he d like to carry portable shrines at festivals
He looks like he d be a great fighter too

Ultra Special **things that don't matter II**

Writting stories with spells is a lotof work. There has to be something to fight, so I always wonder what should I do? If I could make itso they didn't have to fight,then (but that s impossible) No matter how I do it, the spells are hard to understand I thought maybe I could at least give them simple names, like "If this hits you then maybe your bones will break! Impact Bullet!" But that might mess up the story's image so I didn't do it. I guess that s obvious

It all began about 1000 years ago
There was a young girl, Suigekka, whom everyone secretly revered because she was thought as being the guerdian of Japan
You should just attack Hira directly
Man it's cold
What'll happen if you got pneumonia?
I'm tired of seeing you hide your pain behind the façade of self discipline
It's about time we have a talk with him
Ok, Tamaki?
We were going around in the dark because we don't know where he's hiding, but we have Eiji now
!
Yeah...

Suigekke wes elweys accompanied by two megiciens, Hire end Sege
Hire wes in love with her...
...after she died,he crowned himself king of the Gekka's and began casting spells to invoke ghosts and monsters
Those who fell victim to his spells developed mysterious powers and would hurt others. Before long,they lost all sense of self
They became jeki
The other magician, Sege...
...used spells of protection to exorcise the jeshin from the jaki, end became the shugoshi of the Otoya family
Then...
...the present Shugoshi, Temeki end...

Tamaki's girlfriend, Asahi,discovared that sha was Suigakka's reincarnation and want to Hira's sida
Hira continuad living, along with his companions, Mutsu and Roka
Ha slapt in intarvals of 15 years or more, ocassionally awakaning for pariods of 7 days
...went to live in a house that is unknown to the family
At the same time, Tamaki left the Otoya Family...
...with the 3 Higoshi
...Eiji,tha Jahoutsukai who inharited tha blood of Hira, inharited that conflict
...and brought Eiji back to his housa...
Whila doing his duty as Shugoshi...
Tamaki was reunited with Eiji,who was alona and crying...

...at the Gekka palace, deep in the mountains
King Hira is...
It's protected by a strong spiritual barrier
And..
I don't know if Tamaki's jaryoku will be able to overcome the king's jaryoku
But it's not like we can just around and do nothing, right?
Hira's been awake for over 2 months now, so--
H-how did you know...?
Even though Tamaki is the son of both bloodlines...
...and my predecessor, Kaname was his mother...
...I don't think he has the power to break the barrier

With Asahi by his their side,Mutsu and Roka will continue to get stronger and...
...there has been tension in the air
I can feel it Since Hira awoke...
How is he able to stay awake for so long?
...the king will be able to create jaki by himself
It's because of Asahi's powers now that she's been re-awakened as Suigekka
I knew it!!
Now is the only time we can attack Hira, Tamaki-san!
You...did you leave the Gekka family?
What about the cat demon?

What happened to Kageha?
Isn't he always with you?
Kageha...
is...
!?
I, to let me... I escaped and he was...
Mutsu..
!
You should rest for a while
We'll bring you some dinner
Don't touch me!
Eiji? Are you--
You...
..say that, but you haven't even changed your clothes

Tamaki-san why did you save the Jahoutsukai?
He's your enemy! He's made you suffer so much.
...kept it with him all this time
Eiji...
...still has that juzu bead...
He says he had met Eiji once as kids
Back then, Tamaki gave him one of his juzu beads...
...and Eiji...
...has...
Can I...
...really attack?

Asahi...
"Why do you say your own name so much?"
"You know, Tamaki-chan, your Asahi--"
Is that day really going to come?
"Tamaki-chan!"
"And so, you know, when you call my name, Tamaki chan..."
"...it makes me feel wonderful"
"Because it's my treasure"
"Call me, Tamaki-chan!"
"So call..."
"...my name!"

Perhaps we should do something to motivate him. Shall I make an appearance?
King Hira?!
There are no words that can express my shame
I still haven't been able to determine the Shugoshi's whereabouts..
You mustn't be hasty!
Even with Suigekka-sama's power, you're still--
Mutsu
As you wish.
Mutsu
I did not ask for your opinion
You may leave now

What is it, Roka?
If you have to fight, don't overdo it
You get too easily caught up in things and forget yourself
I will fight to protect the king and Suigekka-sama
That's the reason I am here, after all
Ah!
It can't be helped
You may be able to sense presences, but that doesn't changge the fact that you're blind!

Let's go, Roka
Where to?
That should be enough
I must not forget my place
The King and I are master and servant
I will respect and protect the king like I've always done
What more can I wish for?

Seems like Mutsu and Roka just left, huh...?
What are you going to do bout Eiji-kun...?
Eiji is of no concern to me now
In order to lure out the Shugoshi...
...we will need bait
Even if I have you beside me once more..
Suigekka...
..I will continue to destroy humans
I will not forgive..
..humanity

"Isn't it great, Hira?"
"With this"
"To Hira, a sword"
Hira
"To Saga, juzu"
"Yes..."
"...because my power.."
"...exists for you and humanity..."
"These items will protect your bodies from the strain of casting spells"
"Thank you We will cherish them, Suigekka-sama"
I will never...
...forgive humanity

Never...
Oh no
What're you doing Tamaki?
What's wrong nii-sama?
EARLY THIS MORNING, A LARGE WATER-SPROUT APPEARED IN XX OF CITY OO PREFECTURE
Eiji...
that...
Yeah, that is no accident.
It was created with jaryoku
THE WATERSPROUT HAS DAMAGED VARIOUS BUILDINGS AND THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES HAVE NOT BEEN COMFIRMED YET

But all he wanted was to make humans **suffer**
They're trying to lure Tamaki-san out
Jaryoku
I really believed that turning humans into jaki...
was a step to creating a utopia...
...where only the strong would live
They were killed and absorbed...
...just so the king could increase his own powers...
But I guess...
I didn't think you actually believed that you were turning them into jaki for their own good, but to think he was **eating** them?
...he'd have to do something like that for the Otoya family to see him as such a threat

Scroll 4

I listen to music for more than half the day, so my CD players wear off pretty fast. I decided to buy a new one to celebrate this comic coming out (finally!) But it's a mini-compo (heh). For it s sake, I had to all my audio components that don t work and clean up my room .. so I figure I'll wait till I have a break from work to buy one. In the meantime, I went out and bought headphones

Headphones are nice, aren't they? That sounds different. Totally different! I didn t know it was putting out such great audio. It's like I feel sorry now. If I buy a new mini compo then the sound will be really happy, right?

Damnait!
How dare he murder people just to make himself feel better?!
Why is Hira so angry, anyway?!
What happened after Sugekka died?!
Eiji, if you defected from the Gekka family, then...
...you took responsibility for your actions and turned all those jaki back, right?
A Jahoutsukai can't... use spells of protection...
I can't do something like that!
.....

You're horrible!
You only know spells that hurt people!
You are not worth our weakening of our barriers in order to keep you here!!
Migiri!
Get out!
GET OUT!!
For the time being...
...we need to do something about that city
It won't be perfect, but... I think I can fix it
We have to, or–
Tamaki...
You are planning on attacking Hira, right?
Why...?

E-Eiji, you're...
...a girl?!
Huh?!
!!
I'm going to change
What are you talking about, aniue?
"She really, really loved him. She loved Hira."
"More than I loved Tamaki-chan."

What is it?!
I didn't sense it's presence!
NGH!
Finally...
...it's just the two of us...
...you elegant and young shugoshi

What ?
"Some thing"?
There's something here
Were you... always a girl...?
Something's here!
.....
Who are you...
!!
Tamaki?!
Tamaki-san?!
Tamaki!
Dammit, why won't it open?!
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Jyuge...?!
My name's Jyuge..
....from the Gekka family. I am the King's guardian.I use my own body as a seal for the king and his attendants when they sleep
For a long, long time I was the King's guardian. He **needed** me...
...but then that girl, that **Asahi** came along and took the King away from me!
My body's going numb... I can't breathe...
This a spell that only Suigekka and I can cast
But even though it is only an illusion, I can touch you...
H-how..? H-here.
What you see here is an illusion, a manifistation of my will. My actual body is far away from here in the Gekka palace
And you cannot summon the Gahou without your juzu

!
I'm sure this little gift will make the king happy
You...!
Heh heh
Shall I... Comfort you .?
Heh...
Don't touch me....!
Don't tell me you...
...still love Asahi...
Are you angry?
UNH!
AAH!
How interesting. You love her, despite the fact that she holds the King in her arms every night...
When she does not let go of him for even a second...
When she seems to be so happy...

Why?
I didn't love her...
...so that I could hurt her!
Poor thing...
Why did this have to happen...?
"You're planning on attacking Hira, right?"
Wanting to attack him means...
...wanting to...
...take Asahi's happiness away...
You're hurting, aren't you?

...curse my enemy's stronghold!
Hideri, move!
You're pretty insolent for a mere door!
In the exalted name of our king,a spell of malediction,of unfathomable power...
Juyga!
Tamaki-san!
You---!

Tamaki?!
Your jaryoku and spells of protection are useless against an illusion
!!
Hee hee
I'm taking the Shugoshi's juzu
If he casts any spells without them,then his life will start to whittle away
His juzu..!
You:
Come down here!!!
Once a jahoutsukai becomes female, they don't have much longer to live
Kageha was a fool for throwing away his life for somebody that was going to die anyway
Good job, Eiji
You were a foolish child all the way to the very end
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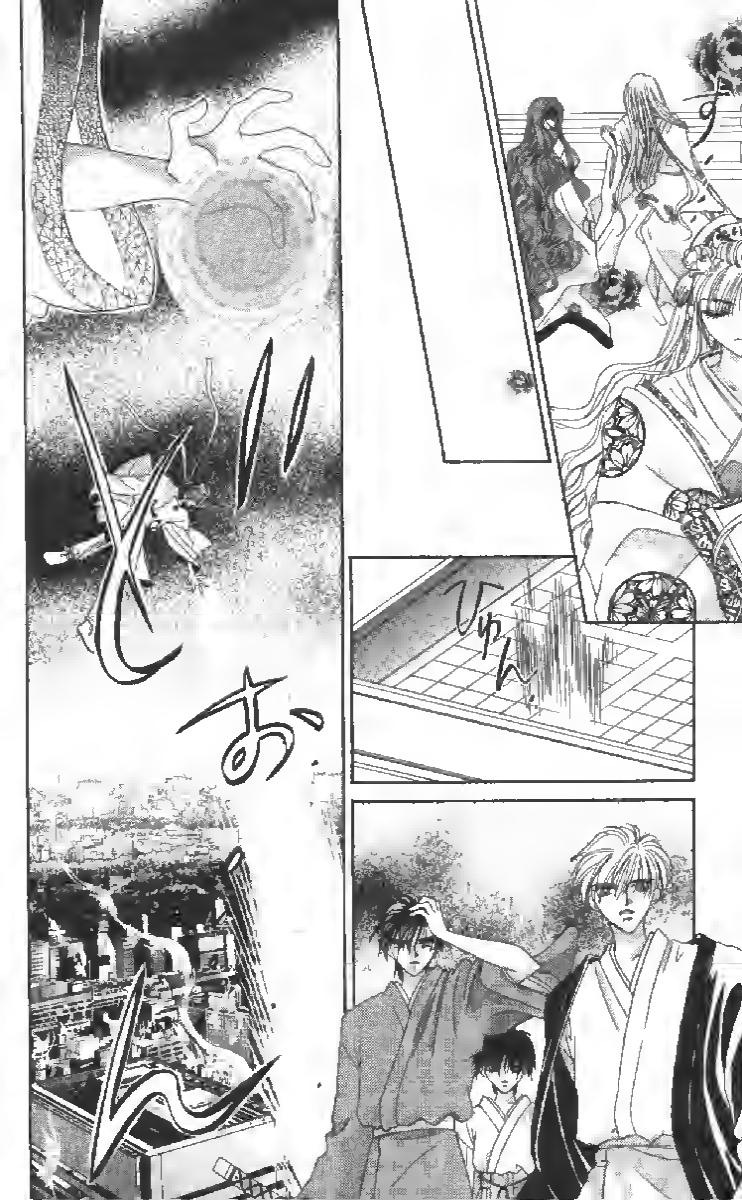
Hnah
Hnah
Hnah
I'm sorry...
Hnah
Hnah
Something like that.
That's not it
...is beyond us, you know
I wasn't sure...
...about attacking Hira
I'll take my leave now, Shogoshi
Your juzu are coming with me
You should forget Asahi now

I don't have much time left
But, wait a minute -- Kaname-san was female and she lived for a long time --
She was completely past her time
You're always like that
It's ok if you think that she deserves what's coming to her...
...if she's miserable or whatever
Your life...
Eiji...
It was probably because...
...she wanted to protect you, Tamaki
...but she lived on anyway
Her body must've been completely broken...

Please exorcise the jaki ..
...and Hira..
Even one bead is better than none, right?
You should have this
Tamaki...
Tamaki-san
!!!
.. and please don't ever..
...forgive my sins
Souichi
The Gekka have attacked another city
WHAT?!

DAMN!
YOU KIDDIES STAY HERE!
EXCUSE ME?!
WAIT!
Y-your juzu--!
ひゃん
!?
My king.

"We will cherish these"
"Isn't it great, Hira? With these.. "
we can protect so many people"
Jyuge .
You went to the Shugoshi?
I have a gift for you
Juzu...!
!
"Yes.."
I only projected my will so I was unable to determine their location, but ..
!
I want nothing more than for my king to be happy..
You did well
What is it that you want?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This is like...
.....
Come, Shichi-boujin! Revered one, I call upon thy teachings...
Idi–
You only have one juzu with you!
Shugoshi?
So you finally come out of hiding, eh...

NGH!
A gohou and a shugoshi are one and the same
What do think will happen if I pluck these feathers?
Tamaki?!
If the gohou is injured, so is the shugoshi...
GAHAHAHAHAHAH!
TAMAKI!
His juryoku is stronger than what it was 2 months ago
So strong!

Why do you go to such lenghts to protect...
...these worthless humans?
Stop...
Then..
...will you pay for their mistakes?
Impressive
Hiderl..
But look behind you

Damn it... Like this...
..I can't cast a protective spell
TAMAKI?!
So, why don't you exorcise them?
There's some jaki for you, Shugoshi
What do you think you're doing?!
I won't die... ...so easily
You should get away from here! It's dange–
YOU'LL DIE!
Protect...
If only I could...

TAMAKI!!
...protect him too...!
Eiji...? Is that you?
I couldn't tell by your weakened jaryoku
How...?
..you casted a protective spell..!
Eiji...? Just now.

What are you talking about?
What?
You just casted a protective spell?
Don't be so surprised
King Hira's protective spells were stronger than Saga's
Tamaki, there is no way you can win
...were blood brothers
Wha...?
You still don't understand?
King Hira and Saga
...Just like Saga could never beat his older brother

!
SHUT UP!!!!
He keeps saying that...
Do you think you can protect him in your state?
Are you going to carry him on your weakened shoulders?
TAMAKI IS JUST A 11-YEAR-OLD BOY! HE SHOULD BE STAYING OUT LATE AND MESSING AROUND WITH GIRLS!
Grrrrr a damn brat!
INSTEAD HE LOSES HIS PARENTS HIS GIRLFRIEND LEAVES HIM AND ON TOP OF THAT HE HAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIVES OF STRANGERS. AND NOW YOU SAY HE SHARES YOUR BLOOD?!
AND YOU TAMAKI STOP WORRYING LIKE A DAMN IDIOT ALL THE TIME!
.....
You...
Should you be talking to your master like that?
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT YOUR TRAP!
i won't..
....LET YOU GUYS HURT HIM ANYMORE!

I wanted... to make you happy
Thank you for loving me
so,so,much
But I'm letting go of your hand
Or else the people who are protecting me will be..
Asahi...
!!
WHAT?!

...evolved...!
..sad
The gohou..
MUTSU!!

!!
NGH!
It's strong!
Lame
All because he was being undecisive his powers were being limited...
Don't be so rash! You–
Heh heh...
How amusing
Come on...
...Mutsu
It's been a while...
...since I've enjoyed a fight!

HERE I COME!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
Are you planning on fighting him with those injuries?
The King does not want a draw
Suigekka-sama...
Tamaki
...just how unworthy of protection humans really are
One day, you too will understand...
That... is true
I want to enjoy this for a while longer...

Tamaki..
Look!
Don't come near Hira
Stop
...what would you do?
...attack Hira..
If I...

"Call me..."
"And so,you know, when you call my name, Tamaki-chan, it makes me feel wonderful"
"So call my name..."
"Call my name, Tamaki-chan!"
Goodbye...
You don't stand a chance against him anyway
Don't keep something like that like it's sacred or something!
That's... the dagger Asahi stabbed him with...
Next time, don't stop at the arm...
...stab me in the heart
I have...
...to attack him
I don't care if you tear it to pieces

Good bye...
Shugoshi
...Suigekka

I will walk down the path I've chosen...
...with the people who support me
Goodbye
MUTSU, YOU IDIOT!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO OVER DO IT?! LUCKILY SUIGEKKA-SAMA NOTICED AND INTERVENED, BUT...
Do not underestimate the Shu oshi
Mutsu

The king and I are master and servant...
Yes ..
I'm slighly...
...envious of you
...for eternity
...Tamaki will...
Dumbass! This is no time to be getting all excited!
Tamaki's juzu were stolen, remeber?
Is that true? That the gohou evolved?!
No matter what, we need to get his juzu back, or...
How long do you think he can last using only one bead?
Ah...!

You're tired too, right?
You were casting spells even though you're hurt...
I'm ok
So the Otoya and Gekka families share the same blood, huh?
So what does that make you? My aunt?
I don't like that...
I think "little sister" sounds better
I....
You...
I..
.....!
.....
You...
...all this time...
All this time...

"Someday, you will know"
"You too will know..."
"...just how unworthy..."
"...of protection humans are"
I.....never.....
...hated you, you know...

"...it's really bright and pretty, since it's the only one"
"Don't you think.."
"...it's like a miracle?"
"The sempai's from yesterday gave me a bandage!"
"Tamaki-chan! Tamaki-chan...!"
"I'm so happy!"
"Everyone has one star in the night sky, don't you think?"
"Yester--wait,you mean those girls who were bullying you...?"
"Yeah! They said they went to far and gave me a bandage"
"...and they can't always see it..."
"Even if it's a tiny one..."

Hello Everyone!
Here's more Phantom Dream!
Woo-who...volume 3 is finally done!
That took me longer than the previous 2, sorry!
But this is when the story really starts to pick up,
so just bear w/ me and know that I will not leave the
people that are following this series hanging! You will
get to see the end of this great series (at least I think it's
really good for being her debut). But I have a slight complain,
the end of this chapter seemed a little cop-out to me, like she
just did it to justify that Tamaki still believes in humanity and to
contradict what Hira had said before, but that might just be my biased
opinion about that issue. I still truly enjoy this series, and I hope you will too!

_Catandmouse

幻影夢想
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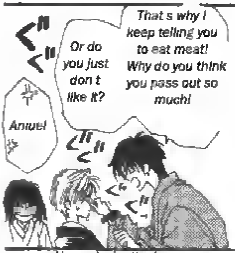
What are we gonna do about the barrier?
...the most we can do is have some shiki fly over and--
I have the basic idea of where the Gekka palace is
But we can't access it by foot...
We don't have another choice but to try and get through somehow



Nose-pinch attack

Ultra Special things that don't matter III

Tamaki quit high school due to all things that happened recently (Who knows about Asahi ... though? [laughs]) Tokiwa and Migiri took temporary leaves of absence from school... probably. But Tamaki is the kind of person who s only hobby is sleeping, so he got to be smart (because he just studies to pass time). He also does not eat meat or fish! (Or ikura- see volume 1). Am I advertisin? He doesn t eat that because Souetsu didn't eat that...but now I m explaining things about the main character even though we're already on the 3rd volume [laughs]. I just can t seem to be able to write that into the story.

Um, nii-sama...
Just try summoning the gohou without your juzu to see what'll happen–
Stop being so wishy-washy!
I don't have a preference. Right now, the real issue is if...
...I have enough power to be sure to defeat him
There's someone here from the Eastern branch...
It's Hideri-sama's father. ..
Oh
My dad? With no warning?
He's the one that's letting us hide here
Just in case. .
...hide in the back room
It's been a while ..
.. Tamaki-dono, Higashis

Kani-dono
You don't look to good...
You must be tired
It all started...
...about 1000 years ago
A thousand years ago, a young girl named Suigekka was believed to be all powerful and was revered in secret as being the guardian of Japan. Her constant companions were 2 magicians, Hira and Saga
To oppose him, Saga used spells of protection and became the shugoshi of the Otoya family, exorcising jashin from jaki
After Suigekka died, Hira started calling himself the king of the Gekka Family and started casting spells to invoke ghosts and monsters—spells that transformed people into jaki

For 1000 years Hira and his attendants, Mutsu and Roka, have survived by feasting on the humans that become jaki
Tamaki's girlfriend, Asahi realized that she was the reencarnation of Suigekka and she awakened Hira and defected to the Gekka
Now, the Otoya family's decendant, Otoya Tamaki, is being called a heritical shugoshi, and...
...the jahoutsukai from the Gekka family , Eiji, have inherited that conflict
Tamaki left the Otoya branch families and went into hiding with his 3 Higoshi
Likewise, Eiji left the Gekka family and was found by Tamaki, but...
...were brothers...
The Otoya and Gekka families come from the same bloodline...
Brothers...?
...that resulted in the theft of Tamaki's juzu by a member of the Gekka family,and...
...to the discovery that Hira and Saga...

We scorned Kaname who was a Jahoutsukai all because of our misguided beliefs..
...and cornered him until he just broke away from the family
We have...
..done such foolish things..
..and we called Tamaki-dono, who is the product of both bloodlines, a heretic..
Here's food for thought. They said that Hira was better at using protective magic than Saga was
What made Hira snap like that?
So what happened?
Yes..
Kani-dono, did you come here for a specific reason?
I don't know
Maybe something happened 1000 years ago...
Yes... Actually there is...
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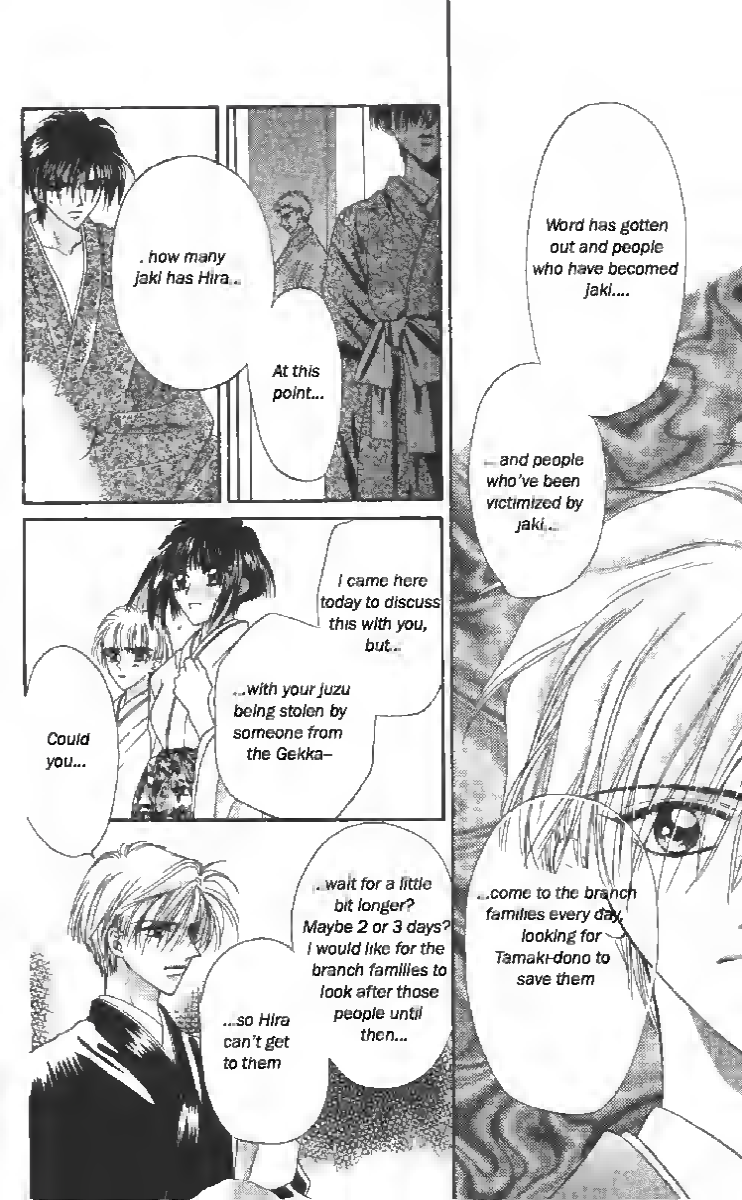
. how many jaki has Hira...
At this point...
Word has gotten out and people who have becomed jaki....
...and people who've been victimized by jaki...
I came here today to discuss this with you, but...
...with your juzu being stolen by someone from the Gekka–
Could you...
...come to the branch families every day, looking for Tamaki-dono to save them
...wait for a little bit longer? Maybe 2 or 3 days? I would like for the branch families to look after those people until then...
...so Hira can't get to them

.....
when I can't even...
...offer people real protection now
I don't know if I can hold my own against that much jashin...
Grab
.....
What are you planning on doing?
Hira...
...won't wait for us
He has such a deep hatred for humans...
But I still have to...
...even if I only have one single juzu in my hands
And it seems like you and Tamaki-dono are getting along just fine
Oh, shut up!
What is it? You don't have to worry. I won't tell anyone about this house
Dad...

The juzu are very important for protecting a Shugoshi from the physical strain of casting protective spells
Without th. juzu's protection, the spells will take years off from Tamaki-dono's life
Hideri,make sure you protect Tamaki-dono
Don't let him be reckless
The last time, Tamaki summoned a matured gohou using only one bead
He must be at his limit already
He exercised 2 whole cities
It might be...
...Impossible, but...
Yeah ..
I want Tamaki-dono to live as long as possible...
...just like Souetsu-sama

"I think 'little sister' sounds better..."

After he said that, Tamaki touched my arm for a long time
He touched it so gently
My left arm, the one he had severed once upon a time
Please wait a little longer

I too, for your sake...
Just like Kageha gave his life to protect me...
I'll get your juzu back
My Shugeshi...

.....

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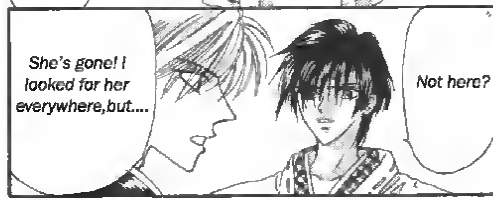
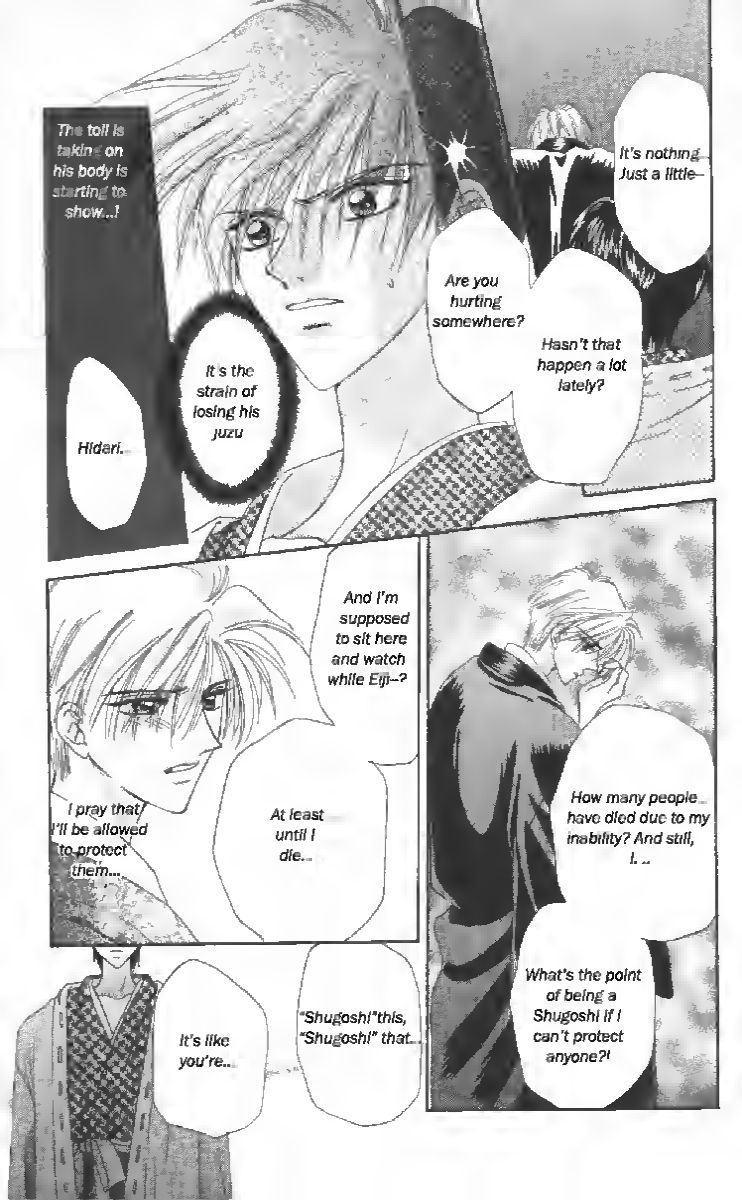
Everyone, do you remember your dreams? I mean, the you have while you're asleep? I have a lot of similar dreams, usually about riding a train or bus and never getting where I want to go. Or I'll be travelling and staying in a creepy hotel. Or I can't go home. Or I can't go to school. Of all things. Stuff like that. In short, I have a lot of nightmares. (laughs). But the thing is, I never make it to where I want to go, or I wind up somewhere scary. Why do you think that is? It makes me want to get my dreams analyzed or something. I vaguely know know why I'm having these dreams, though. And every once in a while I do have a good one. Once I had a very good one where I was with Oyamada-san (from Cornelius), and we sat and watched the aurora borealis together.

My dreams have color and smells, and I can even feel things!

The other night I flew through the sky. I hadn't done that in a while.

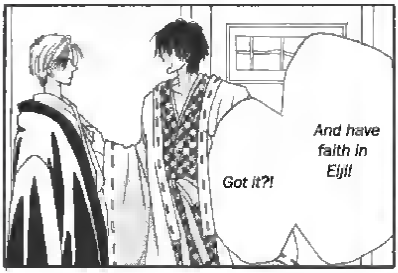


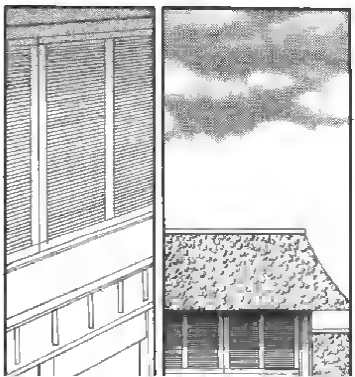
...she loves Tamaki that much
!?
She probably went to get Tamaki's juzu back
I'm almost certain
It's probably because..
.....
Why would she do something like that...?
Wh...
Tamaki?
.....
Nii-sama?!
I'm going to the Gekka palace
Wait just a minute! It's not that simple! That kind of–
I'm not saying I'll attack Hira, I'm just going to get Eiji back


The toll is taking on his body is starting to show...!
It's nothing. Just a little–
Are you hurting somewhere?
Hasn't that happen a lot lately?
It's the strain of losing his juzu
Hidari...
And I'm supposed to sit here and watch while Eiji–?
I pray that I'll be allowed to protect them...
At least until I die...
How many people have died due to my inability? And still, I...
What's the point of being a Shugoshi if I can't protect anyone?!
It's like you're...
"Shugoshi" this, "Shugoshi" that...

But you have to promise me you won't go inside the barrier!
Got it
Aniua?!

What?
You're a **human,** but ..
..is this the fate of a Shugoshi..?


And have faith in Eiji!
Got it?!



Eiji...!

He's out making jaki and getting his body used to things
Mutsu, you should think of getting better soon, instead of worrying about Hira
And King Hira...?
isn't it strange?
That I would suffer such a human injury, such as a broken bone at this point?
Don't apologize! You have nothing to apologize for!
Stop that, please!
.....
I'm sorry, Mutsu
It's because I still can't completely control my powers yet...
Ahh...
Now that I think of it, where's Roka? I have not seen–

The demon sword? I know it increases jaryoku, but I'm surprised the king let her take it...
It seems she took the demon sword and went to look for the Shugoshi
.....
It's just a weak little mouse
...thus...
Well, the sword was originally a gift from me to Hira, so he gave it back to me....
It's not Roka..
Right now, I felt something
I wonder if Roka's back?

This body might only last at most another 2 or 3 days
I used to be able to fly this distance easily, but now I get so tired
The juzu are probably with Hira or Asahil
They must have sensed my presense already
!

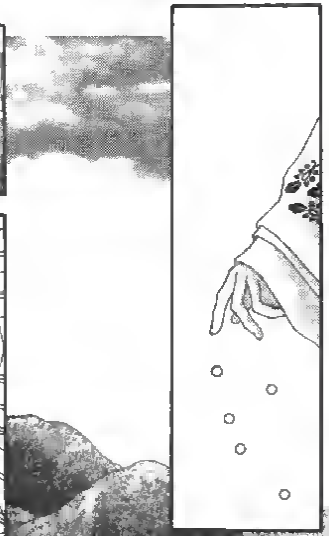
!!
Roka...!
Sugakka-sama!

No..
Are you hurt in any way, Suigekka-sama?

Tch...
She's fast, isn't she?

But the juzu...
..is in pieces...

Psst! Hot!



Eiji..?
Getting through this barrier is going to be a pain in the neck!
Sometimes things just don't go our way, huh?
We have the same blood and everything, but still...
Here..!
Over here!
EIJI!
Hurry!

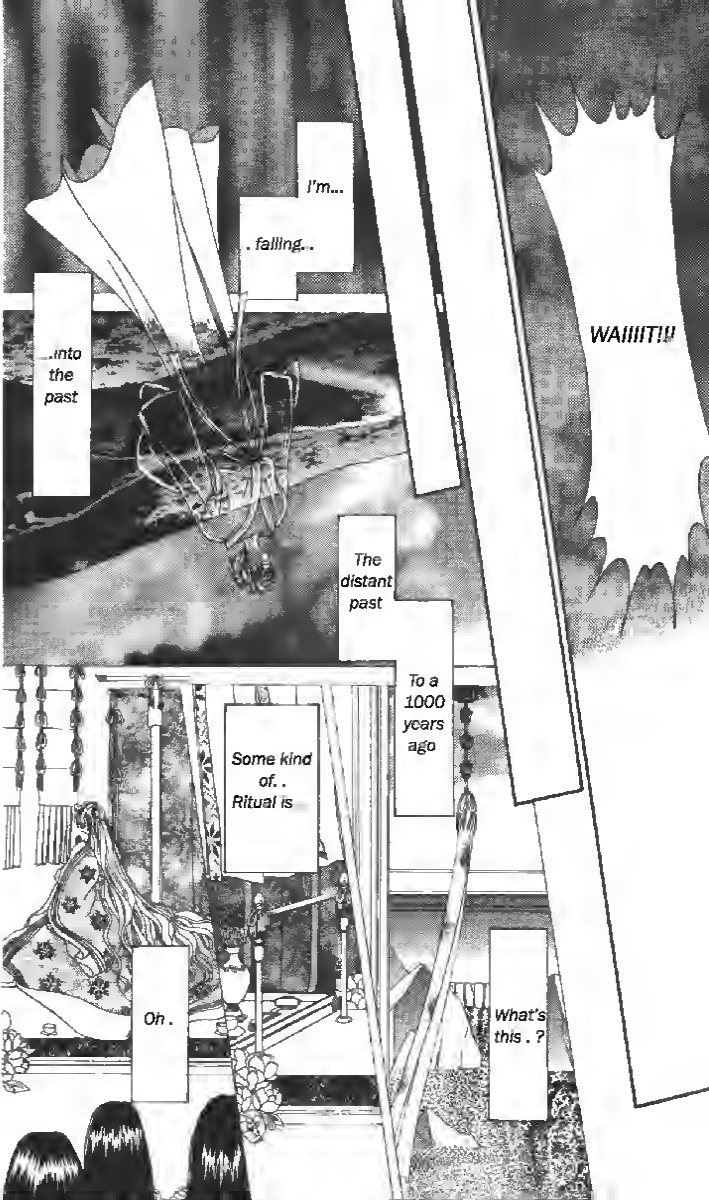
...fell apart..
S..
Juzu...
..Sorry..
TAMAKI!!!
It's ok!
It's ok
!!
HIDER!! TAKE EU! AND LEAVE!
Tamaki!

IF YOU DON'T COME IN 10 SECONDS,I'M COMING BACK FOR YOU!
HURRY!
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
.....
Elji hold on a bit! We fly!
Y...
YOU SNEAKY LITTLE...!

The demon sword's memories...
Huh?
What?
Something is...
Memories
...are flowing into me
Ngh...!
Don't move, you idiot!
I'll go call Migiri, and..
.....

Hmm? Oh, I had someone follow your father. .
...to find where you were all hiding, that's all
Hiderl!
Where have you been?!
Why isn't Tamaki-dono with you?
Why are you here?! And who are those people?!
We've heard the whole story and we're willing to accept some of the blame
We will allow you to return to the family
You people just..
...want to make quick money, don't you?!
So, call Tamaki-dono! We've brought all these people here to be exorcised as soon as possible
What a touching speech

Mutter...
JAHOUTSUKAI! WHY IS THE JAHOUTSUKAI HERE?!
THIS IS.. ISN'T THIS PERSON..
!
Wha–?!
EEK!!
Hey..
..WHO MADE US SUFFER SO MUCH?!
..I was happy, you know..
.. being by Tamaki's side
I expected to be punished someday, and..
What they're saying is true
Hey! Wait up a second!
It's ok, Hider!

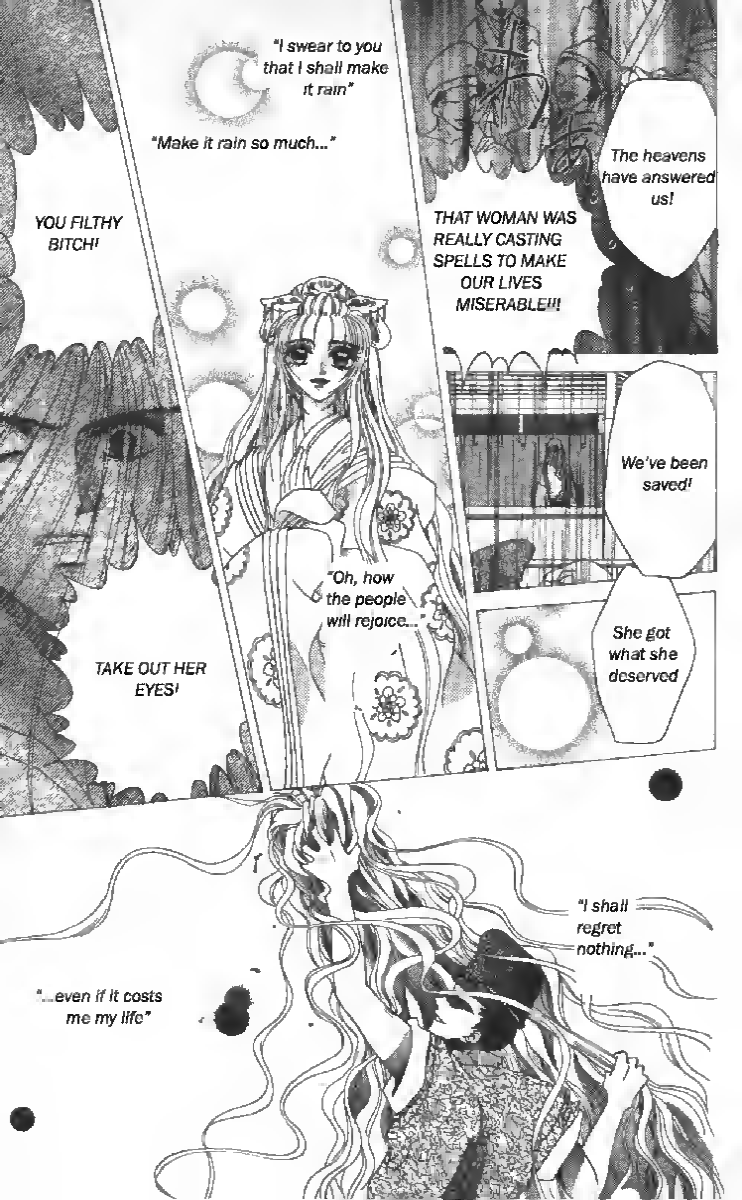

I'm...
. falling. .
..into the past
WAIIIIT!!
The distant past
To a 1000 years ago
Some kind of. . Ritual is
Oh .
What's this . ?

She's getting farther away...
But... where is Hira?
It's a distant land...
It's Suigekka.
Hira sama ..
Suigekka-sama seems to be having some difficulty summoning rain
Yes...
This long drought has afflicted people
Poverty, starvation, and plague are slowly driving them mad
A rumor I overheard earlier bodes ill
Hira...?

Among the people they whisper..
. that all of these disasters spring from Suigekka's spells
That's... Hira
We're done treating the sick people in the village that Suigekka told us about
We'll return home within the day
But that's...!
Word of Suigekka's existence has gotten out somehow..
But the truth has been warped
You–You serve Suigekka! Why are you here?
Please come quickly! Hordes of people..!
Hira-sama?!
Ohh, Hira-sama!
Saga has gone to even further lands, and..
..even though Mutsu is by her side, I'm worried

Suigekka...!
Please come quickly!!!
They accussed Suigekka-sama of conjuring ghosts and monsters...
They forced their way into the palace...!
Mutsu...!
Sui...
...gek... ka?
Be strong Mutsu!
EEEEEK!

Su...
It's raining...!
Rain...


"I swear to you that I shall make it rain"
"Make it rain so much..."
The heavens have answered us!
YOU FILTHY BITCH!
THAT WOMAN WAS REALLY CASTING SPELLS TO MAKE OUR LIVES MISERABLE!!!
We've been saved!
"Oh, how the people will rejoice..."
She got what she deserved
TAKE OUT HER EYES!
"I shall regret nothing..."
"...even if it costs me my life"

……?
So the demon sword..
...showed you a glimpse of the past?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!

I am the king
I am King Hira...
So ..
Shugoshi...
...white...
You are very young
Your dream about the nature of humanity is nothing but a phantom
You just saw it with your own eyes, didn't you?

When pushed to their limits, all humans are the same
They are selfish, arrogant and hipocritical
It's...
...not as if all of humanity killed her.
That's wrong
Not everyone wanted Suigekka dead!
You allow your life to dwindle in order to protect them
Your heart grieves for the ones you could not save...
...because you still belief in them and believe their souls are beautiful
However, the jashin you exorcise is only a fragment that has been magnified by the jaryoku
Do it. .
You should try to exorcise all of humanity's jashin
...and there will be nothing left

You're wrong
Humanity should dissapear forever
It would be best if they returned to nothingness
I am able to witness that...
...then I will be able to rest in peace
YOU'RE WRONG!
Wrong!
WRONG!!!
!
Let him go
Suffer as you will. .
...hypocrite

.....
.....
Where did you take my husband?
YOU DEMON!
TURN ME BACK!!!

Tamaki-dono?!
WHERE WERE YOU?!
OUR BARRIERS AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD BACK THE JAKI!
Regular people are getting caught in the disturbance! The situation is out of control!
Shugoshi-sama?!
Shugoshi-sama save me!
Save me! If you don't stop the bleeding, I'll die!
I go first! Move out of the way! Hurry up!

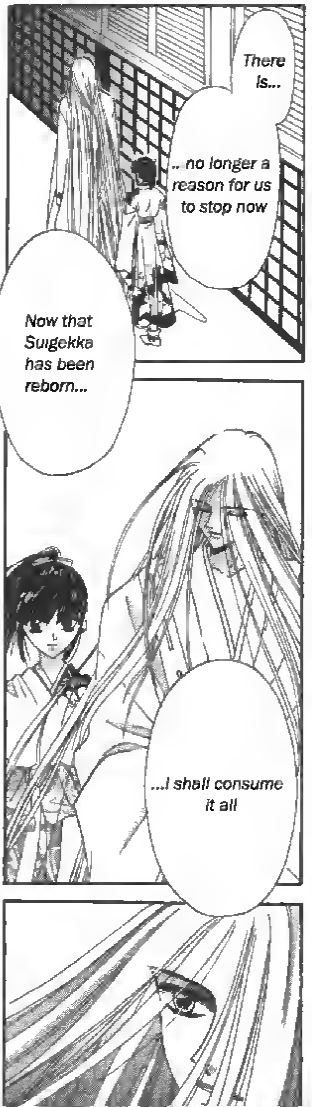
I'll kill you! I tear you to pieces!
I'll show everyone who doesn't understand!
Save meee!
You don't know how I feel!
I CAN PAY..!
Save me!
What are you doing just standing around?! Save me!
Me!
"When pushed to their limits, all humans are the same"
STOP...!!!!
Stop. .
"You should try to exorcise all of humanity's jashin"

Tamaki-dono...!
A A H!
The jaki!
"What you belief in is..."
"nothing but a phantom"
Wrong..
"Do it, and there will be nothing left"
WRONG...!!!
"Humanity should..."
You're wrong... humans are..
You're wrong.
"Humanity should..."
E e e k !

NOOO..!
DON'T KILL ME!
DON'T KILL ME!
Someone! Anyone please–!!!
Oww, Stop..!
...Uhn...
ボタ
ボタ
Please ...nuh...
Ah...!

I'll... Kill you, so...
...hurry...
...while I'm still in control of my emotions...!
N...
NOOO!!
It's not all about Jashin...
...and...
...there's something in your hearts...
...that just won't disappear...

Please...
...let me believe that...
Please...
Tamaki...


There is...
.. no longer a reason for us to stop now
Now that Suigekka has been reborn...
...I shall consume it all

Please...!

He's with someone who's in critical condition, and..
...I think he must be exhausted from sitting with her through the night so make it short
I see
The girl from before. .
Tamaki
There's someone here to see you

I was... Even at home or at work, I was...
...left out,and.. I...I could never get along with...
...any-one, and...
Thank y–
Um...I just want to say thank you for saving me the other day..
I didn't... kill anyone..
I...
I...
Oh..
...I mean
I.. uh um...
I'm a horrible person inside!
.....

All I ever did was hate people and curse them!
But you protected...
...this tiny...
..pathetic... conscience of mine..!
"Everyone..."
You protected that, so...
...thank..
"Even if it's a tiny one..."
"...and they can't always see it..."
"...it's really bright and pretty..."
"Has one star in the night sky, don't you think?"

"...since it's the only one"
It's true...
The Asahi from back then is still alive...
...and by my side...
"Don't you think it's like a miracle?"
...supporting me
I'm so stupid...
I said I wasn't... to think about her anymore, but...
It's true, huh?

...Please...
...weak and fragile sometimes, but...
...let me believe...
People are...
...dying for them
...that I won't regret...

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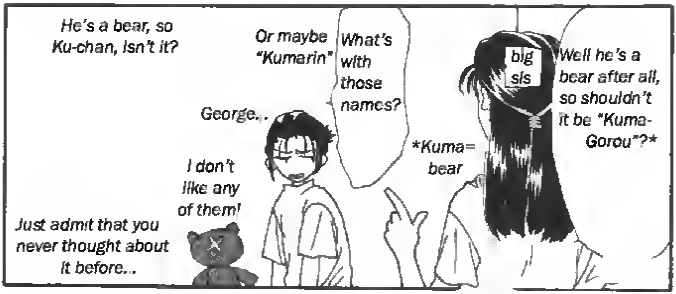
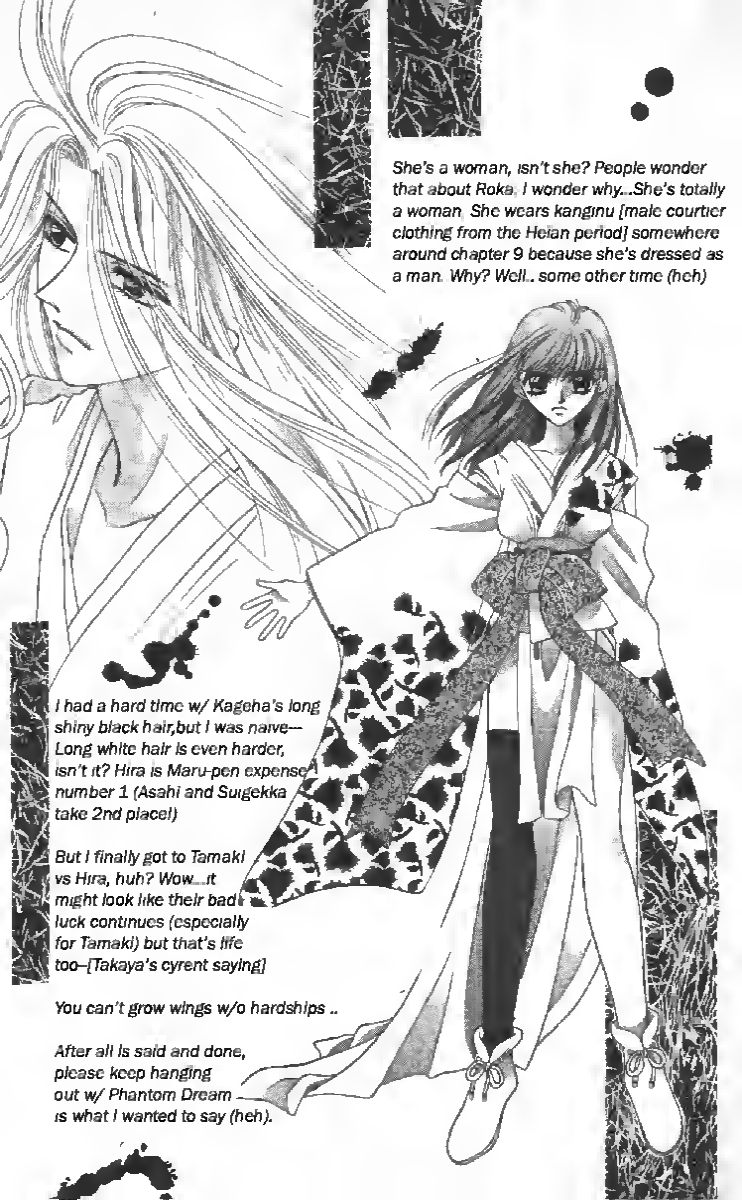
Natsuki Takaya's Just Between Us
People kept saying"I hate him, I hate him! And when I thought I might start to like him. .he died" There were so many people who said that about Kageha Spring came to late for him (laughs).
Thanks, this is Takaya!
This is the 3rd volume, Thank You!
Now you have 3 souvenirs of your life, don't you?
That's right, that's right! Someone asked, "What's the name of the assistant, the bear?", but...
Was it George Setagawa?
You just made that up right now, didn't you? What's with "Setagawa" huh?!**
Pops out
Meaningless
**I didn't get the joke, anybody did?


He's a bear, so Ku-chan, isn't it?
Or maybe "Kumarin"
What's with those names?
George...
I don't like any of them!
Just admit that you never thought about it before...
*Kuma= bear
big sis
Well he's a bear after all, so shouldn't it be "Kuma-Gorou"?*

She really said that

About the Manga

The members of the Gekka Family finally make an appearance! For the time being, people awho get turned into jaki become part of the family too (although they're going to get eaten...) Every once in a while I get a letter asking what Mutsu's face looks like under that headband (?), but the truth is, I don't know myself...I've never drawn it. Maybe it's because I think that's his real face or something? Well, but there's a saying "Mask Handsome", so...(heh) I don't know whether Mursu is "Mask Handsome"or not, but... (heh) but you can't really judge people's expressions from judt their mouths, huh? So it's really hard



She's a woman, isn't she? People wonder that about Roka. I wonder why...She's totally a woman. She wears kanginu [male courtier clothing from the Heian period] somewhere around chapter 9 because she's dressed as a man. Why? Well.. some other time (heh)

I had a hard time w/ Kageha's long shiny black hair,but I was naive— Long white hair is even harder, isn't it? Hira is Maru-pen expense number 1 (Asahi and Suigekka take 2nd place!)

But I finally got to Tamaki vs Hira, huh? Wow...it might look like their bad luck continues (especially for Tamaki) but that's life too—[Takaya's cyrent saying]

You can't grow wings w/o hardships ..

After all is said and done, please keep hanging out w/ Phantom Dream is what I wanted to say (heh).

To the people who read this, the people who sent letters and the people that bought this book, thank you! People send me letters every time, thank you! [come to think of it, real letters spiked around chapter 8, when Tamaki and Asahi broke up. That's when I realized that Asahi was a huge presence in this manga!] Who knows what I'm saying ..How did you like Phantom Dream 3? I'm looking forward to your opinions

Hideri, spring of his 15th year